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Meeting and Event Announcements

Solo Firm Group Lunch. The next Solo Firm Group meeting will be held on Friday, October 19th at noon in the upstairs meeting room at Free State Brewery. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Reinhold at 842-3222 or John Bodle at 843-0187. The Solo Firm Group meets the third Friday of every month.

Library Adds Laptops

The Law Library has added two new laptops to the resources available for use by our patrons. The addition of the new laptops to the three desktop workstations already in the Library brings the total number of workstations available for our users to five.

The laptops are configured to fulfill the same role as the Library's three desktop workstations, except that the laptops are fully wireless enabled and do not require a cable connection. They have full wireless Internet capability including access to the on-line Lexis database. Users can also send print jobs through them to the Library's printer/copier utilizing the user's prepaid printing/copying account, exactly as users have been able to do through the three desktop workstations.

The Library chose to utilize laptops to expand our user's access to electronic resources because of limited space for new desktop workstations in the Library. Since the laptops have full wireless capability, they may be moved to any location in the Library at the convenience of the user. However, they may not be removed from the Library at any time for any reason.

When you have a chance, come in and try out one of these new additions to your Law Library' resources.

Legal Humor/Commentary Newsletter of Note

The Honorable William J. Schafer, III, retired Arizona State Superior Court Judge, publishes *In Chambers...*, a monthly on-line newsletter containing wry commentary on cases and other legal proceedings that mainstream secondary reporters may have missed.

His newsletter also includes information on topics related to the law that one might have otherwise missed. An example being a report in the March 2007 issue of the Douglas County Law Library's E-Mail Newsletter, on an article that had recently been published concerning how lyrics from popular songs are frequently used in legal writing today. The editor first found out about this article from Judge Schaffer's newsletter.

If you would like to see for yourself what legal material Judge Schaffer considers worthy, or just to have a good chuckle, visit <http://www.inchambers.us>.

Desk Reference Manual Added

The *Kansas Sentencing Guidelines, 2007 Desk Reference Manual* in electronic format has recently been added to the five user workstations (3 desktops, 2 laptops) in the Law Library.



To access the Manual, go to the desktop of one of the workstations and click on this icon labeled "Kansas Sentencing Guidelines, Desk Reference Manual." Then open the file named "2007 Desk Reference Manual."

You have a choice of viewing the Manual in either PDF or Word format. Open the file for the format you prefer and open the Manual file you desire.

Current Art Gallery Exhibitions

The October exhibits in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are paintings by Lynn Metzger.

The exhibits will run through the end of October. All of the pieces are for sale and may be purchased directly from the artist. Contact information for Mr. Metzger is available in the Library.

The November 2007 Law Library and Division IV exhibitions will be Oils by Pamela Rees. More information on the exhibits will be in the November E-Mail Newsletter.

For more information on past, current, and future Art Gallery exhibitions, or for more information on the Art Gallery, please consult the Art Gallery page on the Law Library's website.

If you would like to exhibit your art in our gallery, or know of local artists who would like to show their original art here, contact Bill Pendleton, the Library's Art Gallery Exhibitions Coordinator at 843-3536 ext. 19 or billpen@pendletonandsutton.com, or the Law Library at 838-2477 or by e-mail at info@douglascolawlibrary.org.

New Acquisitions

Newly acquired material added to the Law Library's holdings:

AALL Directory and Handbook, 2007/2008.

AALL Spectrum, v. 12:1 (Sept./Oct. 2007).

Child Law Practice: Helping Lawyers Help Kids, v. 26:6 - v. 26:7 (Aug. - Sept. 2007).

Internet guide for the legal researcher newsletter, v. 2:5 (Sept./Oct. 2007).

Kansas Code of Civil Procedure Annotated, 4th, 2003 (3 volumes), 2007-2008 Pocket Parts.

Kansas Sentencing Guidelines, Desk Reference Manual, 2007. (2 copies)

Kansas Sentencing Guidelines, Desk Reference Manual, CD-ROM ed., 2007.

Did You Know?

Every other week, a bit of Law Library trivia is posted in the Law Library and on the Law Library's website. The previous month's "Did You Know" tidbits are then published here in the Newsletter. The hope is for this to improve communication between the Law Library and its users.

August's entries were:

- Audio recordings of select hearings can be accessed and listened to through the RCPlayer function on the FullCourt terminal in the Law Library.
- Information about volunteer positions in the Law Library is available through brochures available in the rack on the table next to the Library's copier/printer and on the Volunteers page on the Library's website.

This Month In Legal History

Each month, an event from the history of law and jurisprudence of Douglas County that occurred during that month will be included in the Newsletter. Entries will also

be posted on the Law Library's website for the month. Submissions from readers are welcome and encouraged.

This month's entry:

October 25, 1855 - Mr. Hancock's family retrieves his remains.

Some weeks prior to October 25, 1855, a man named Hancock had drowned in the Kansas River, and his body had only recently been discovered on a sand bar by a person hauling wood. Relatives of Mr. Hancock came to Lawrence, Kansas, on the evening of the 25th to take charge of his remains and bring them to his parents, who lived near Lecompton, Kansas. No effort had been made to recover his body sooner because, "Everyone seemed to regard him as a criminal, and of course not worthy looking after." The events of his drowning were described in the October 29, 1855, edition of the *Kansas Free State* newspaper. "It will be recollected that he was drowned by being in charge of some pretended officials, who were taking him to Leavenworth as a criminal, but acted very rash in crossing the river, which resulted in turning the wagon over and came near drowning the whole crew." There was no explanation of what was meant by "pretended officials."

From: Murders Occurring in the City of Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas, from 1854 to 1859, by Margaret Dandurand. Unpublished manuscript, 2002.

Law Library Volunteer Opportunities

The Library is looking for individuals to fill the following volunteer positions:

E-Mail Newsletter Editor.

Film Series Commentators

Patron Education and Training Assistant.

Publicity and Marketing Assistant.

Recycling Assistant

Reference Assistant.

Volunteer Coordinator.

Work Station Maintenance Assistant.

The Library also has opportunities for volunteers to create positions around their own interests and skills.

For more information and/or for position descriptions, contact the Library or visit the "Volunteers" page on the Law Library's website.

The Law Library Volunteer Program provides a capable and dependable voluntary work force to assist with the day-to-day operations of the Law Library and its special projects. This work force supplements the paid Library staff and allows the Library to provide the best possible service to local judges, attorneys, and the public.

The Volunteer Program is instrumental in linking a valuable community resource - the citizens - with a valuable community institution - the Douglas County Law Library - for the benefit, growth, and enrichment of both.

If you or someone you know might be interested in volunteering for one of them, or if you would like more information on our program and/or the positions we have open, please contact the Library or visit the "Volunteers" page on the Law Library's website.

Feedback

This Newsletter is intended to be useful to its readers. As in any enterprise, feedback

on how the Newsletter is fulfilling this goal is crucial to our achieving it. If our articles are helpful, let us know. If they are not, let us know. If you have suggestions on how to improve the Newsletter, please let us know. Thank you.

Submitting Articles for Newsletter

The Editor encourages readers to submit articles for publication and/or make suggestions on material to be included in future issues of the Newsletter.

To Subscribe

Contact the Law Library by mail, e-mail, or telephone and request a free subscription to the Newsletter. It will be sent to you as a PDF attachment to an e-mail. The Library's mailing address is: Douglas County Law Library, Judicial and Law Enforcement Center, 111 East 11th Street, Lawrence, Kansas, 66044. The Library's e-mail address is: info@douglascolawlibrary.org. The Law Library's telephone number is: 785-838-2477.

Classified Ads

Free classified ads may be placed in the Newsletter by contacting the Law Library. The Editor reserves the right to refuse anything deemed inappropriate and to add restrictions as the need arises.

Announcement:

The Judge Hugh Means Inn of Court meets six times per year at the Lawrence Country Club for cocktails, dinner, and CLE. Membership applications are available in the Douglas County Law Library. For more information, contact Joan Hawkins, the local Membership Chair, at 785-843-1009, or at lawsolutions@sunflower.com. For general information on Inns of Court, please consult the American Inns of Court national website at <http://www.innsocourt.org>.

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